

OBSERVER.

FAYETTEVILLE.

THURSDAY EVENING, JANUARY 14, 1864.

A NEW HARTFORD CONVENTION.—The other sessions of the Confederacy remember, and the younger have read in history, the famous, or rather infamous, Convention which met in Hartford, Connecticut, near the close of the war of 1812...

The Raleigh Standard is endeavoring to get up in this State First and foremost, the Hartford Conventionists were tired of the war, in which they had taken less part in money or men than other parts of the country...

The Hartford Convention assembled. It was composed of the then five New England States. It held its sessions with closed doors, and never divulged its proceedings. Peace came before its final action...

THE VALUE OF GOLD.—The Richmond Sentinel states that a gentleman from abroad is now bargaining at one of the best hotels in that city and enjoying his hand...

TAXATION OF STATE PROPERTY.—The Hon. Sion H. Rogers has given an opinion to Gov. Vance, that the property held by the Literary Board, and the State's interest in the Banks and Rail Roads, is not taxed by the Confederate Government...

NO ANSWER.—A week ago we earnestly but respectfully asked a few questions of the Raleigh Standard on some vital points. The number of the Standard issued four days after our questions reached it contains no answer, nor any allusion whatever to the subject...

NORTH CAROLINA OFFICERS AT JOHNSON'S ISLAND.—In a list of prisoners given by the Cincinnati Commercial we notice the names of Lt. Col. S. H. Boyd, Maj. C. A. Blackall, Lt. Col. E. W. Cantwell, S. P. Clark, J. C. Graves, T. L. Hagrove and Maj. J. R. Wieston.

CONFEDERATE BONDS.—Confederate 8 per cent bonds are selling in Richmond at 117—a considerable advance. The advance, says the Examiner, "shows how little apprehension of repudiation is felt by capitalists. These eight per cents will be valuable securities after the war, and we doubt not that parties are laying them in for the benefit they expect to derive from them hereafter..."

LIVELY TIMES ON THE COAST.—People in all these parts, even west of this town, were a good deal interested by continued reports of distant cannonading during almost all of Monday last. It turns out that three of the blockade runners have been run ashore on the coast and destroyed, the firing being unsuccessful efforts of the yankees to get possession, and successful resistance by our troops and batteries. We understand that all three were destroyed, after running ashore, so that, if lost to us, the enemy got no good of them. In one of the cases, the yankees got drunk upon the good liquor they found, when the crew turned upon them, captured and burnt the vessel, and took 24 of the yankees prisoners.

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Gallant Affair.—LAKE CITY, FLORIDA, Jan. 6.—We take pleasure in chronicling a brilliant exploit which occurred on the 30th ult. near St. Augustine. Capt. J. J. Dickson, with detachments from Co's C and H, 2d Florida Cavalry, having crossed to the East side of St. Johns, and marched to the vicinity of St. Augustine, encountered a body of yankees largely superior in numbers, and captured 24, besides wounding 6, including a Lieutenant, who were left on the field, on account of the inability of our brave troops to overcome them. They also captured 21 rifles and accoutrements, and a sword. There were only 41 of our men engaged, while the enemy had 64, besides a large force which was not in the fight. Capt. Dickson reports that the whole command acted most nobly, pursuing some of the flying yankees and capturing several inside of their lines. It is supposed that several were killed; the scrub being very thick and time precious, our men did not stop to look for their carcasses. There was no one hurt on our side.—Columbian.

Berney of Yorktown.—We published some time ago from a Yankee paper, a statement that Yorktown had been destroyed by accidental fire. A gentleman from a resident of Gloucester county, informs us that a large number of soldiers, who had been discharged and returned to their homes in King William and Gloucester. That a negro platerer, belonging to a private in the latter county, who ran away, but was recaptured by his mistress, had been engaged in the destruction of the ancient town. The white yankees undertook to inflict severe punishment upon one of their colored brethren, who resisted, and his comrades coming to his assistance, a promiscuous fight took place, in which one hundred and fifty men were killed and wounded. While the fight was progressing, the negro women and old men fired the town, and blew up two magazines. About two hundred negroes escaped and returned to their homes. We have not much faith in the stories of "reliable contrabands," and give this as we heard it. Our informant says some of his own negroes have returned home, and he had heard of 75 others who had returned.—Richmond Sentinel, 12th.

From Tennessee.—Scouts who have recently returned from the region of Knoxville report that Burnside has been reinforced by a large number of troops, who came through Cumberland Gap. The position of the enemy in front of Longstreet, however, is still considered untenable. Heavy skirmishes are constantly going on at the outpost. In one of these, recently, a Colonel and fifty privates were captured.

The bridges on the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad, between the latter place and Bridgeport, recently captured by the Rebels, are being built by the enemy, and the transportation will be open in a week, says the Nashville Union of the 2d of January. The Yankees are gone into winter quarters at Stevenson, Bridgeport and Chattanooga. Grant was in Nashville on the 30th ult. He was going to Washington.

Conscription Statistics.—RICHMOND, Jan. 12.—In the House this morning a report from the Superintendent of Conscription was presented, showing the number of officers and soldiers engaged in executing the Conscription law, in the States of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. In Virginia, there are 4 Colonels, 2 Majors, 23 Captains, 65 Lieutenants, 40 Physicians, and 107 soldiers. North Carolina, 47 Colonels, 100 Captains, 64 Soldiers, and 750 mounted men. South Carolina, 64 officers and 141 men. Georgia, 68 officers, 208 men, besides the Battalion of Rangers, consisting of 30 officers and 453 men. The duties of the Conscription Bureau, besides enrolling conscripts, extend to arresting and returning deserters and absentees, the numbers of whom are now very great; and the matter of furloughs and details outside of the army, whose amount amounts to 1,800.

Yankee Liens.—The Fredericksburg correspondent of the Examiner says recent Northern papers exhibit a more unanimous and determined spirit in favor of the prosecution of the war than heretofore. Lincoln held a grand levee on New Year's Day at which four negroes of genteel exterior were present. They were cordially received by Lincoln.

Analogue Cases.—We notice that some of our exchanges complain that members from Missouri and Kentucky occupy seats in the Confederate Congress, and vote on measures, while they have no constituents because their States are overrun and under the control of the enemy. Now here in North Carolina we are in exactly the same situation in regard to our State Legislature. Several of our eastern counties are entirely under the control and in possession of the enemy, yet there are representatives for those counties in our State Senate and House of Commons, who vote on tax and all other measures—they and the members of Congress are similarly situated. If it is wrong to allow members from Kentucky and Missouri to sit in Congress, it is equally wrong to allow seats in our Legislature to members from the counties of Carteret, Craven, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Hyde, &c.

RELIEF OF THE POOR.—A communication in the Wilmington Journal gives a list of contributions in cash and kind for the relief of the poor, amounting to \$16,000, and from \$100 to \$200.

REVIEW OF THE MARKET. Bacon 2 50 Pork 1 50 to 2 00 Lard 2 25 Beef 60 to 75 cts. per lb. Butter 8 50 to 4 00 Cotton 1 25 to 1 35 Coffee 12 60 Cotton Yarn—110 to \$50 per bush. Dried Fruit—Apples 60, Peaches 75 Eggs 1 50 to 1 75 per dozen. Extract Logwood \$5 to \$5 per lb. Flour \$5 00 to \$4 00 Flaxseed \$5 per bu. Fodder 10 00 Hay 8 00 Shooks 6 00 to 7 00 Grease—Corn 12 50 Wheat 20 00 Rye 15 00 Oats 8 00 Iron—Green 2 60 to 3 50, dry 4 60 to 6 00. Iron—Swedes 3 00 to 3 60. Leather—Upper 12 50 per lb. Sole 10. Lard—Cotton Whiskery 50 60. Apple and Peach Brandy 50 60. Molasses—Country made \$10 to \$11; N. O. 10 to \$12. Molasses 2 50 to 3 50 per lb. Offious 10 00 per bushel. Potatoes—Irish \$7 50 per bushel; sweet 6 00 Rice 50 to 60 cts. Soap—Facially Br \$1 per lb. Toilet 2 00. Sugar 4 00 Spices—Turpentine 1 50 to \$2 per gallon. Fayetteville 4 4 Sheddings 1 00 to \$ 60. Salt 15 00 to 17 50 per bushel. Tallow 2 50. Wool \$4 to \$6.

STAR FOUNDRY. THE subscriber very respectfully informs his friends and the public generally, that he has now in his employment competent workmen, and is fully prepared to assist any kind of WORK in his line at the shortest notice and on the most reasonable terms; such as Cast Wheels, Driving Wheels, Green and Dry Sand work, Loom work, Blowing Cylinders, Steam Boat work, Sails, Pans and Grate Bars, &c. &c. M. A. BAKER, Fayetteville, N. C., Jan'y 11, 1864. 977f

Ericsson's Great Gun.—The great gun which has been for some months in the course of construction for the navy by Mr. Ericsson, has arrived in New York, and is being prepared for service. Mr. Ericsson contracted some time since to construct some 13 inch smooth-bore guns, which are to have a much greater initial velocity than any now in use. He is to receive nothing for them unless they burn over fifty pounds of powder; beyond fifty, he is to receive \$5,000. He is confident of being able to burn 100 pounds, and is certain of burning 75 pounds. The solid shot will weigh 220 pounds. The new gun, with 75 pounds charge, (one-third of the weight), will have as great a velocity as the 65 pound guns, and its punching power will be 50,000,000 pounds, or exactly double that of the largest English gun. With 100 pounds of powder, its velocity should be raised to 2,000 feet, and its punching power will be 68,000,000 pounds. It will thus be by far the most formidable gun yet constructed.

Mt. Vernon Female Seminary. THE 24th Session will commence the 15th of FEBRUARY and continue 20 weeks. Tuition in English Branches \$50 00 School Music and Painting, (each) 40 00 Sailed in Music and Painting, (each) 30 00 Board \$50 00 per session. If paid in provisions at old prices \$50 00. All of Tuition and one half of Board required in advance. Each pupil will furnish her own towels, one pair sheets, one pair pillow cases, one counterpane or quilt and a drinking cup. Rev. WM. HOOPER, Principals. T. C. HOOPER, Address: St. Lawrence P. O., Chatham county, Jan'y 12 97 6w

FAIR BLUEF ACADemy. THE 3rd session of this school will commence Jan'y 1 1864, 1864. The Principal will devote his whole attention to the school as well as the moral advancement of the students. Board can be had in the village upon reasonable terms. A. McN. LEACH, Principal. Jan'y 12 97 6p4

PIANO TUNING. PROF. MATTHEW will tune Pianos for parties living in the country who will leave their orders at the P. O. in Fayetteville, or at the residence of the tuner. He will be in town the last of this week and the first of next. Jan'y 12 97 6p4

Stores and Dwelling House AT AUCTION. ON SATURDAY next, 16th instant, will be rented at auction, 2 brick tenements on North side of Person Street, occupied by Wm. Clark; one dwelling house on Person Street, residence of the late Capt. B. Rush. JOHN H. COOK, Auctioneer. Jan'y 12, 1864. 97 6p4

Hules and Wagons at Auction. ON Saturday next the 16th inst. will be sold, 4 GOOD MULES, 2 WAGONS and GRAB. JOHN H. COOK, Auctioneer. Jan'y 13, 1864. 97 6p4

LAND FOR SALE. UNDER a Deed of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions, December Term, 1863, I will expose to public sale at the Market House in Fayetteville, on WEDNESDAY, the 24 of February 1864, about 120 acres of land on the coast of Black River, adjoining the lands of Allen Antary, John Horn and Robert Matthews, belonging to the estate of the late Joel Matthews and subject to the widow's dower. J. W. WARREN, Com'r. 97 6p4

Fayetteville Arsenal and Armory, JANUARY 18, 1864. WANTED, Negro Carpenters, Blacksmiths & Helpers. A FEW first rate Negro Carpenters, Blacksmiths and Helpers, one and employment at this Arsenal and Armory. Apply to Lt. Col. F. L. CHILDS, Com'd'g Officer. 97 6p4

NOTICE. THE firm heretofore existing under the name and style of MORISON, RICHARDSON & CO., in Exchange, N. C., is dissolved by mutual consent. Any person or persons having a claim against said firm, will present them immediately to either of the subscribers for payment. JOHN MORISON, B. RICHARDSON, SAMUEL BARKETT, NOAH RICHARDSON, JOSEPH CLEGG. Jan'y 13 97 6p4

North Carolina, In Equity. WAKE COUNTY. In the case of Wm. J. Boylan, John H. Boylan and others, against George W. Morison, Executor of William Boylan, Weldon E. Boylan, Sara Boylan and others, filed for Spring Term, A. D. 1864, of the Court of Equity for the County of Wake and State of North Carolina, for the purpose of taking an account and paying the legacies. Notice is hereby given to Weldon E. Boylan, Sarah Parker, Kate Weldon Boylan, Hannah Boylan and Eliza Webster, to come forward at the next Term of this Court and plead, answer or do what may be required by the Court, and to be heard or parts as to them. Done at Office in the City of Raleigh, this 9th day of January, A. D. 1864. R. G. LEWIS, C. M. E. 97 6p4

Weavers Wanted. THE Rockfish Manufacturing Company wish to engage a few respectable young women in the Weaving Department. Application to be made at the Factory to Mr. J. E. VAN AMBERG, Superintendent, or to G. T. HAIGH, Press, in Fayetteville. 97 6p4

Mayor's Office, January 9, 1864. ORDERED, that in execution of the following officers, viz: Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Town Assessor, Clerk of the Market, Tax Collector, Special Justice, Keeper of the Powder Magazine, Town Guard—4 men, Keeper of the Town Clock, Weighmaster, Sexton to the Grave Yard, Gift and 7, Assistant Rice Wardens, Committee of Vigilance for each Ward. A. M. CAMPBELL, Town Clerk. Jan'y 8, 1864. 97 6p4

FOR RENT. THE commodious STABLES on Franklin Street, recently owned by Col. Jno. M. Applegate, next to Town Clerk, is for rent. Apply to E. L. PEMBERTON. Jan'y 8, 1864. 97 6p4

Confederate Tax Notice. I WILL attend with the Assessors at the office of A. M. Campbell in Fayetteville daily from Wednesday the 5th day of January until the 21st to receive the Income Tax due Jan'y 1st, 1864, and the Tax due from Debtors. Debtors will take notice that their Liens cease on the 1st Dec. 1863, and they will be required to renew them, and to return the amount of sales for the quarter ending Dec. 31st, 1863. The Income Tax is payable by each person, joint stock company and corporation, from every occupation, employment or business, whether registered or not, in which they may have been engaged, and from every investment of labor, skill, property or money, and the income and profits derived from any source whatever from Jan'y 1st, 1863, to Jan'y 1st, 1864. The following exemptions from the tax are allowed: 1st. Incomes of and under \$500. 2d. Profits or income derived from such products of land as are taxed in kind. R. W. HARDIE, Dist. Col. for Cumberland county. 89-1213p

FORWARDING & COMMISSION MERCHANT. WILL give quick dispatch to goods consigned to him. Particular attention given to all produce sent him for sale. Consignments of Naval Stores, for sale or shipment, solicited. Wilmington, Jan'y 10, 1864. 97 6p4

FOR SALE. A FIRST-RATE No. 2 Singer's Sewing Machine in excellent order, with a dozen needles. Apply to D. B. MAITLAND, Fayetteville P. O., Box 206. Jan'y 12. 97 6p4

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